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BIARYLPENTANOIC ACID DERIVATIVES FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF CEREBRAL DISEASES  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first sentence: -- This application is a 371 of PCT/EP00/01204 filed on

February 14, 2000. --